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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

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SUBJECT: ILO 1978 CONFERENCE

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1. SUMMMRY: EMBASSY HAS MADE APPROACHES TO RANKING
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND LABOR OFFICIALS CONCERNING ILO 1978
CONFERENCE AND CURRENT U.S. POSTURE RESPECTING ILO MEM-
BERSHIP. LABOR SECRETARY OPLE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH
U.S. POSITION. OPLE INDICATED THAT ASIAN COUNTRIES WOULD
BE SUPPORTING THE IRANIAN (AZIMI)) PROPOSAL CONCERNING
THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE GOVERNING BODY. END SUMMARY.

2. ON MAY 26 CHARGE PPRESENTED AN AIDE-MEMOIRE (BASED ON
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REF TEL) ON THE ILO 1978 CONFERENCE TO ACTING SECRETARY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS COLLANTES WHO OFFERED NO COMMENT.

3. ON JUNE 5 LABATT PRESENTED COPY OF AIDE-MEMOIRE TO
LABOR SECRETARY BLAS OPLE WHO EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH
ITS CONTENT, NOTING, "THIS IS GOOD; THIS IS GOOD." WHEN
TALKING ABOUT AMENDING ARTICLE 17, OPLE SAID, "I THINK

WE SUPPORTED THE AMENDMENT LAST YEAR; IT'S A GOOD AMENDMENT I HOPE WE CAN MOVE IT THIS YEAR."

4. ON RESTRUCTURING THE GOVERNING BODY, OPLE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE PRESENT STRUCTURE WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1919 WHEN THE ILO WAS CREATED. "THERE HAVE BEEN MANY CHANGES IN THE WORLD THAT NEED TO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION," HE SAID, "LATIN AMERICA, ,OR EXAMPLE, HAS NO REPRESENTATION ON THE GOVERNING BODY. "WE ASIANS," HE ADDED, "ARE COMMITTED TO THE 1976 IRANIAN PROPOSAL, OR THE DR. AZIMI PROPOSAL AS IT IS KNOWN. THE AZIMI PROPOSAL IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO ALL OF THE GROUP OF 77, BUT THE ASIANS, AT LEAST, ARE GOING TO START OFF THIS CONFERENCE WITH THE AZIMI PROPOSAL." OPLE CONSIDERS THE AZIMI PROPOSAL TO BE A MIDDLE-OF-THE-ROAD PROPOSAL.

5. OPLE VOLUNTEERED THAT HIS DELEGATION WAS GOING TO PROPOSE THREE FILIPINOS FOR THE GOVERNING BODY--ONE GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE, ONE LABOR REPRESENTATIVE, AND ONE EMPLOYER REPRESENTATIVE. HE SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE SOME COMPETITION FROM WITHIN ASEAN, PROBABLY FROM MALAYSIA. HOWEVER, HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE PHILIPPINES WOULD SUCCEED IN GETTING A GOVERNMENT AND A LABOR REPRESENTATIVE ON THE GOVERNING BODY. OPLE SAID THAT HE WAS DEPARTING JUNE 5TH FOR GENEVA AND WOULD RETURN IN TIME TO ATTEND THE OPENING OF THE NEW PARLIAMENT ON JUNE 12TH, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THIS TIME WITHOUT STOPPING OFF IN THE U.S. ON THE WAY HOME

6. TUCP PRESIDENT KITO MENDOZA IS ATTENDING THE CURRENT GOVERNING BODY MEETING AND, THEREFORE, COULD NOT BE REACHED ABOUT REF TEL. LABATT, HOWEVER, SENT A COPY OF THE AIDE-MEMOIRE TO MENDOZA, COURTESY OF TUCP TREASURER GABRIEL GATCHALIAN. THE EMPLOYER DELEGATE WAS UNAVAILABLE BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR GENEVA.

7. THE PHILIPPINE ILO DELEGATION IS COMPOSED OF 21 PEOPLE. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- GOVERNMENT: LABOR SECRETARY BLAS F. OPLE, CHIEF OF PARTY; DIRECTOR MANOLO ABELLA; AMBASSADOR HORTENSIA BRILLANTE; LABOR ATTACHE NALDO; DIRECTOR CARMELLO NORIEL; DIRECTOR CALALANG LIWAY; DIRECTOR DOMINGO ZAPANTA; DIRECTOR REYNALDO GREGORIO; DIRECTOR BELIN COMPUESTO.

- LABOR: DEMOCRITO MENDOZA, PRESIDENT/TUCP; ANDRES DINGLASA, JR., VP/TUCP; ONOFRE GUEVARA, VP/TUCP; GABRIEL GATCHALIAN, TREASURER/TUCP; LAUREANO SAYAS, JR., VP/TUCP; JUAN "JOHNNIE" TAN, PRESIDENT/FFW/INDEPENDENT.

- EMPLOYERS: AURELIO PREIQUET, JR., VP/EMPLOYERS CONFEDERATION OF THE PHILIPPINES (ECOP); RAUL INNOCENTES, VP/MERALCO; PETRONILO GUEVARA, PRESIDENT/ECOP; MIGUEL VARELA, DIRECTOR/PHILIPPINE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY; BENILDO G. HERNANDEZ, VP/ECOP. MURPHY

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